



“K” DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS
K Division – 2022/02/15 20:00

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

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Information from other agencies/units appears in **ORANGE**

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- The protesters have left the Coutts border. Reaction on social media is disappointment, but most people seem to understand why they are leaving and are supportive of the changes due to the blockades.
- **Personal** one of the main spokespersons for the Coutts protesters, has indicated that they plan to re-group and explore next steps. He stated that the blockades were a “blunt instrument” and that the next protest actions will have to be “precise,” though he did not indicate what he meant by that.
- In the wake of Coutts/Milk River protesters planning to leave the border, some supporters are discussing the possibility of travelling to Ottawa to protest, not as a convoy, but as individuals. It is assessed as unlikely that they will take action on these plans.
- The “Throne Speech Convoy” to the Alberta Legislature, at 12:00 on 2022/02/22, appears to be gaining traction. It has now been shared on multiple Facebook pages and groups.
- A new event has been created on Facebook for convoys are being called to attend the Alberta Legislative Building, on 2022/02/19. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky.

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- A consistent call to further action has not been established following the departure of Coutts/Milk River protesters.
- Sentiment towards the RCMP from protest supporters on social media is generally negative, with many commenters expressing a belief that the RCMP has been deceitful and has committed illegal acts during the Coutts/Milk River protests.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division affecting areas including:
 - Any town or city willing to send a convoy to Edmonton
 - Red Deer
 - Okotoks
 - Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo
 - Ponoka
 - La Crete
 - Sherwood Park
 - Leduc
 - Parkland

Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/15 to 18	Time: 07:00 – 21:00
Meeting location:	
Detachment(s) affected: Wood Buffalo	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 18. The organizers appear to be **Person**, **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa. To date, 27 people have responded to the event. **Personal** posted a comment regarding the fundraiser for a Supply Convoy to Ottawa, stating that \$3,500 has been raised thus far. Organizers of the convoy are listed as: **Personal Info.** As of 2022-02-14, 28 people have responded to the Facebook event; 7 people said they are “Going” and 21 said they were “Interested”. A post by **Personal** to “Winnipeg supporters for the convoy to Ottawa 2022” indicates that this convoy will consist of 60 or more truck and will stop at Costco’s along the route for supplies. If this event occurred as planned, it should be arriving in Lloydminster at approximately 19:00hrs on 2022/02/15, and proceeding into Saskatchewan toward Saskatoon.



Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:30
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc, Sherwood Park and Parkland	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" for convoys to go to the Alberta Legislature Building. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. The event page states that the full location details will be announced soon. Guests are currently at 120 going and 243 interested. **Increased to 131 going and 276 interested. Further details have not yet been shared.**

Red Deer Recurring Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 12:30; Convoy at 14:30
Meeting location: 19th Street and Gaetz Avenue	
Detachment(s) affected: Red Deer City	

Posters for the event this week have not been posted to the group "Red Deer Freedom Rally", but it is still listed as reoccurring every Sunday. **No OSINT update.**

Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown specifics – somewhere in Ponoka	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton	

The leader, **Personal Info.** posted about a convoy to travel from Ponoka to Edmonton on 2022/02/19. **No OSINT update.**



Charter Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina	
Detachment(s) affected: Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary.	

Personal posted to the Facebook group "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. UPDATE: The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. **No OSINT update.**

Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks	
Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks	

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children. **No OSINT update.**

Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22	Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta	

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, it is unknown if an event is planned; however, participation could potentially be substantial in light of protesters leaving Coutts and negative sentiment regarding PM Trudeau invoking the *Emergency Measures Act*. This event will continue to be monitored over the next week and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. **Posters for this convoy have been shared to other groups. The individual posting to other groups is often** **Personal Info.**



Other Information

Posts are circulating on Twitter that the police 'disabled' three excavators at the COUTTS border protest. Conversely, there are also posts stating they do not know who wrecked the equipment and that it may not have been the police.

A news article by Press Progress reports that one of the wealthy donors who contributed to the convoy in Ottawa believes acts of civil disobedience against public health measures are Canada's last hope before "civil war." **Personal**, the General Manager of **Personal Info.** donated \$5,000 to the "Freedom Convoy" organised by **Personal Info.**

Post on Facebook states that protesters will go home and rest for a few days and start up a new location at a Milk River field. **Personal** posted a video showing the field where protesters should go. As of 17:00hrs all blockades had been cleared and a small contingent of remaining protesters peacefully moved to an agreed upon site.

The **Personal Info.** posted an announcement that they are returning to Alberta. They have posted a tentative schedule for the first portion of their journey on 2022/02/15, ending the day in Sault Ste. Marie.

At 18:45 EST, RCMP PIU reported that **Personal Info.** from High Prairie, AB may be in Ottawa and may be in possession of a handgun. **Personal** is an associate of **Personal**, one of the influencers of the Freedom Convoy, who promoted the convoy from Acheson to the Alberta Legislature on the weekend of 2022/02/12. An update as of 21:30 EST deemed the information as dated and from a source of unknown reliability. The image posted on Facebook was from December 2021. **Personal** has a valid firearms license and four registered handguns. **Personal** is indeed a close associate of **Personal**, one of the leaders of the Freedom Convoy. **Personal** was observed via social media in Ottawa on 2022/02/14.

General Commentary

There is a mixed response to a video circulating of RCMP members hugging protesters leaving the Coutts/Milk River area. Response from commenters against the protests has been largely negative toward the RCMP. Some response from participants and supporters of the protest has been positive, but other protest supporters have called the RCMP untrustworthy.

Posts to the page "Official Coutts / Milk River Freedom Protest" have been outlining historical actions by the RCMP, including references to Residential Schools and criminal acts by individual officers. Comments in response to the RCMP's media release on 2022/02/14, regarding the seizure of weapons at Coutts, indicate a belief that weapons were planted by the RCMP, or that the information has been fully fabricated.



In general, comments support continued protest and action, but there is no consistent message regarding what that action should be outside of continued convoys to the Alberta Legislature and existing reoccurring events in some communities.

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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